

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SJR 611

April 9, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Proposes amending Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee to nominate the Attorney General and Reporter by the Supreme Court of Tennessee in open court with recorded votes.

Upon nomination, the General Assembly must confirm the nomination within 60 calendar days immediately following nomination if made while the General Assembly is in regular legislative session or within 60 calendar days beginning on the convening date of the next annual legislation session if the General Assembly is not in session when the nomination is made. The nominee must be confirmed by a majority vote of the members to which each house of the General Assembly is entitled. The nominee is confirmed by default if the General Assembly fails to vote to confirm within the 60 calendar day period. If a nominee fails to receive the required votes by the General Assembly, the Supreme Court shall nominate another person within 60 days.

Upon confirmation, the Attorney General and Reporter will serve a four-year term. The Attorney General and Reporter must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States, an attorney duly licensed in Tennessee, and a resident of Tennessee at least five years immediately preceding appointment.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$9,100/One-Time

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014561): Deletes and replaces language of the proposed resolution to establish that the Attorney General and Reporter will be elected to serve a six-year term and deletes language that authorizes the General Assembly to prescribe procedural provisions necessary to carry out the requirements of the proposed legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Secretary of State will publish the proposed amendment at least six months prior to the next election of General Assembly members, scheduled for November 2018.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures for publishing costs is estimated to be \$9,100 based on the cost of recent publications incurred by the Secretary of State.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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